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Cheryl Walker Smith
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United States Environmental Protection Agency
345 Courtland Street Northeast
Atlanta, Georgia 30365

Re: Approval of Fish Sampling Analytical Techniques
Olin Chemicals/McIntosh Plant Site
McIntosh, AL

Dear Ms. Smith:

We submitted the details of the Fish Sampling Analytical Techniques on September 26, 1991, by Federal Express so you would receive it on September 27. This document contains the parameter list that we propose for fish collected from the McIntosh basin as well as the sample handling procedures and analytical methods. Our plans are to set the nets for fishing in the Basin on Sunday afternoon, October 6, 1991. The Woodward-Clyde field team will begin active sampling at about 8:00 a.m. on October 7. We believe we need to adhere to this schedule to insure that biological sampling under the Work Plan is completed before the historical Basin flood season begins. We would like to receive EPA's approval of the subject document by Friday, October 4, 1991, to insure we can meet this goal.

One logistical point that Woodward-Clyde has raised concerns providing representative split samples of fish tissue to PRC. We believe the appropriate way to provide a split is to have our laboratory homogenize the fish tissue samples, and provide PRC with a sample split after tissue homogenization. This would entail all tissue, filet, and remains, being sent to the laboratory and processed there. The laboratory would then ship the split sample to PRC or directly to a laboratory selected by EPA and/or PRC. Please advise if this acceptable to EPA.

We will also be conducting the macroinvertebrate sampling in the Basin during the week of October 7.

Please call me at 615/336-4308 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

OLIN CORPORATION

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